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NOTE VERBALE DATED 18 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 14 and 17 October 1993, there appear to have been 13 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 13 October 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 932.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(14-17 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
941	14 Oct.	0435	0443	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 32 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf. A few minutes later, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighters made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with red cross markings 2 kilometres south of Zenica. Contact was lost, for operational reasons, 20 kilometres north-west of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow Low
942	14 Oct.	0444	0604	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue and red stripes landing at Vitez. The helicopter was engaged by mortar and anti-aircraft artillery fire. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South Slow Low
943	14 Oct.	0504	0528	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 12 kilometres north-east of Gorni Vakuf. NATO fighters made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 5 kilometres south-east of Gorni Vakuf. Visual contact was lost 40 kilometres north-west of Mostar. AWACS radar contact was lost 35 kilometres west of Mostar. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South Slow Medium-low
944	14 Oct.	1255	1308	A United Nations flight made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 30 kilometres south-west of Mostar. AWACS also reported a radar contact at the same position. The United Nations flight observed the helicopter landing 20 kilometres north-west of Mostar. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North Slow 7 200 feet
945	14 Oct.	1305	1310	NATO fighters made visual contact with a helicopter taking off from Zenica. The helicopter landed almost immediately at the same point. Passengers disembarked, and the helicopter took off again a few minutes later. It soon landed 1 kilometre south of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow Low
946	15 Oct.	1118	1119	United Nations military observers observed an MI-8 helicopter (registration No. 12365) taking off from the Zaluzani heliport, 5 kilometres north of Banja Luka. The helicopter flew for a short time, returned and landed. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
947	15 Oct.	1632	1640	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 45 kilometres south-east of Sarajevo. Contact was lost 75 kilometres east of Sarajevo. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	East Slow Low
948	16 Oct.	0435	0453	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 35 kilometres south-west of Zenica. Contact was lost 25 kilometres north-west of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Slow Medium
949	16 Oct.	0505	0525	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 15 kilometres west of Zenica. NATO fighters were sent to investigate and made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross. Visual contact was maintained until the helicopter landed 25 kilometres west of Mostar. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South-west Slow Medium
950	16 Oct.	0833	0837	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 45 kilometres west of Sarajevo. NATO fighters were sent to investigate and made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter. Visual contact was maintained until the helicopter landed 50 kilometres west of Sarajevo. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow Low
951	16 Oct.	1112	1113	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white helicopter with a blue stripe and a red cross flying 30 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter flew for a short time and landed in the same vicinity. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Slow Low
952	16 Oct.	1517	1518	United Nations military observers observed an MI-17 helicopter (registration No. T9-HAA) landing at the Zenica military barracks. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low
953	16 Oct.	1554	1556	NATO fighters made visual contact with a white helicopter 5 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter landed 7 kilometres south-west of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
				[17 October: no violations reported]	

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Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(13 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
954	13 Oct.	1445	1510	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue and red stripes landing at Vitez. A few minutes later, the helicopter took off. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South-east Slow Low